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December 8, 2005

Mr. Daisuke Ogawa  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.  
2-18-1, Konan Minato-ku  
Tokyo 108-8230, Japan

Dear Mr. Ogawa:

I am writing to let you know of important activity in Washington State regarding the Cosmopolis Specialty Pulp Mill from which you purchase significant products. I have been engaged in discussions with the Weyerhaeuser Company, the union of workers in that mill, the legislative members from the surrounding area, and various economic development activists in the region. We are very interested in maintaining production at this facility and locating potential buyers.

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Second, we agreed to move forward with a feasibility study that will review the economic potential of the Cosmopolis mill. Although the Weyerhaeuser Company has concluded that continued operation of the mill is not economically viable for them, we are pursuing an independent analysis of the economic potential of the facility as owned by another entity. Third, we are working with the Grays Harbor economic development council and the Port of Grays Harbor to identify other important economic development strategies that can improve the competitive position of the area.

As you plan for your future, I hope you will keep our efforts in mind. We are hoping to maintain the long and mutually beneficial relationship your company has had with Cosmopolis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Gregoire".

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Cellulose Company  
2-18-1, Konan Minato-ku  
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